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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 had been pending.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (US 2003/0220897).

The claims are amended and cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

Lee is newly cited and relied upon. The Office Action relies upon Lee FIG. 3. An interview was conducted with the Examiner on January 13, 2010.

A prima facie case of anticipation of amended claim 1 over Lee cannot be maintained, because Lee does not disclose, either expressly or inherently, the language of amended claim 1, namely in contrast to Lee, the first display information is a transformed extracted data that includes one or more generated selectable display items. In addition, the first display form is selectable by "selecting a displayed region of the one or more displayed items."

Independent claim 1 is amended to emphasize "a first display form that includes one or more generated displayed items and to enable said user to select a generated display item, which is generated from said extracted data of said plurality of documents, and selectable by said user by selecting a displayed region of the one or more displayed items ~~for to be utilized as a second search condition in a follow up search process using a second search condition.~~" For example, the specification page 13, lines 23-30 supports the embodiment. For example, in FIGS. 9 and 16, items 415 and 515, are selected display items.

In addition, independent claim 1 is amended to include the features of dependent claim 2. For example, FIG. 8 supports display forms.

In addition, claim 1 is amended to clarify the selected display items are used for another search using another search condition.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and allowance of claim 1 is requested.

Amended independent claims 16 and 18 include limitations similar to the limitations of amended claim 1.

The remaining dependent claims inherit the patentable recitations of their respective base claims, and therefore, patentably distinguish over the cited art for the reasons discussed above in addition to the additional features recited therein.

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There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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